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PSC GRANTS SPRINT REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION FOR ITS JEFFERSON CITY EXCHANGE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has granted a Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint) request for competitive classification for residential and business services in its Jefferson City exchange under a state law which took effect on August 28, 2005.

Under competitive classification, Sprint will no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC in the Jefferson City exchange. Sprint will be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC will retain its ability to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

In this case, state law requires the Commission to issue its decision within 30 days of Sprint's March 31, 2006, filing. Under the law, the 30-day criteria for determining competitive classification is based upon the existence of two other entities providing basic local telecommunications service. One entity may be a wireless provider, the other a wireline company that is providing local voice service using facilities that it has either a partial or full ownership interest.

The Commission reviewed information filed by Sprint as well as the PSC Staff recommendation for approval. The Commission finds that in the Jefferson City exchange facilities-based local voice service is being provided to residential customers by Mediacom and to business customers by Socket. In addition, the Commission finds that there is at least one non-affiliated wireless provider, United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular), providing service to residential and business customers in the Jefferson City exchange.